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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO THE UNCTAD STUDY ON "THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THESE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS WERE WORKED OUT WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND FORWARDED BY DIDRIK TONSETH OF THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. "COMMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY ON THE JOINT UNCTAD/WIPO STUDY ON THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM IN THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY WELCOMES THE INITIATIVES
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MADE WITHIN UNCTAD AND WIPO TO STUDY THE EXISTING

PATENT SYSTEM IN RELATION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE PROBLEM IS A COMPLEX ONE AND DESERVES A THOROUGH EXAMINATION. IN THE VIEW OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DO NOT, HOWEVER, JUST DERIVE FROM CERTAIN INEQUITIES WITHIN THE PARIS CONVENTION. THE PROBLEM IS ALSO OF A SOCIO-ECONOMIC NATURE. CONSEQUENTLY, A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF AID SHOULD BE EMPLOYED. THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF AID, INCLUDING PATENTS, SHOULD BE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN UNCTAD, WIPO AND UNIDO. THE PRESENT STUDY IS A VALID POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER STUDIES ON THE ROLE OF PATENTS WITHIN THE WIPO PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND THE WIPO AD HOC GROUP. NORWAY WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE FURTHER COMMENTS UNTIL THE REPORT FROM THE AD HOC GROUP IS PRESENTED. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO EXPRESS ITS WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORTS NOW UNDER WAY TO REVISE THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

3. NORWAY PLANS ON PARTICIPATING IN THE UPCOMING ECE MEETING IN GENEVA. TONSETH WILL PASS THE NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHEN THEY ARE DECIDED UPON BY THE MINISTRY. BUCHANAN

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